Public (Political) **(1949) Department.**

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G.O. NO. 3314

Dated 27-9-1949.

[Despatch Abstract.]

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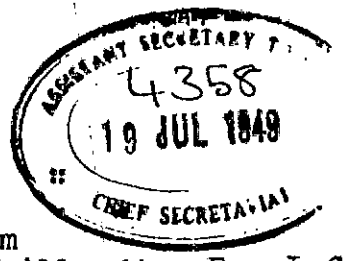

From
E.C.Allardice Esq.I.C.S.
Collector, Bellary.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St.George, M a d r a s.

Ref.C.No. 9004/49 S.1 dated 16-7-49.

Sir,

Sub; - States - Sandur - Merger - private properties of the Ruler - schedules of - certain official documents included report - submitted - Instructions requested,

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(2) Ref; - G.O.No. MS. 1145 Public (Political) dated 27-4-49.

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✓ 1.5 of (2)

I invite your kind attention to the "schedule of Personal properties of the Ruler of Sandur (schedule ~~of~~ ~~A~~ to Article 3 of the merger agreement). Under the heading "List of Articles found in the sealed wooden box" items 4 (1) to 4(4) are official documents. Item 4 (2) viz. sealed cover containing Agreement between Rao Sahib P.I. Patel and the Government of Sandur is likely to be very useful in the enquiry to be conducted by the Registrar of Co.operative Societies Madras into the affairs of the Sandur Tobacco company ordered by the Government in their memorandum No. 48482.K/49-3 Development Department dated 23rd June, 1949. Besides, the Inam Register 1905 (packed referred to in ~~xxx~~ item 4(4))and Inam Sandd Regulation 1937 are official documents which would be very useful for the administration ~~x~~ in the day to day affairs. The Inam Register 1905 is specially important as it contains information on the several inam lands in the State. I am sending this to-day to the Curator of Records, Madras as it is torn and the papers are very brittle, to mend it for further ~~xxxxx~~ preservation. I consider that handing over of these records to the Ruler would handicap the administration in future and strictly speaking they should not have been included

in the schedules of private property as they are official documents.

I have written to-day to the Huzur Secretary to the Ruler of Sandur to ascertain from the Ruler if these records can be spared for the Government as they are official documents. In case the Ruler wants these records, I request instructions whether I can refuse to hand them over on the ground that they are official documents. I request very early orders in the matter.

should be referred

I am instructing the Special Officer to retain these records till Government's orders are received.

Sir. 16.7.

Collector.

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1.) Deptt.

MEMORANDUM NO. 4358/49-1 DATED 22-7-49.

Sub: States - Sandur - Merger - Private properties of the Ruler - Official documents - Handing over.

Ref: From the Collector of Bellary, Ref.C.No.9004/49-S1, dated 16-7-1949.

Pending further orders in the matter, the Collector of Bellary is informed that the official documents referred to in his letter cited ~~need~~ should not be handed over to the Ruler of Sandur.

To the Collector of Bellary.

NOTE:-- In the circumstances reported by the Collector, it does not seem desirable to hand over to the Ruler of Sandur the official documents, etc. as per schedule to Article 3 of the merger Agreement. The main file has been submitted to A.S. separately. On return of the file, the question may be examined further. In the meanwhile an interim reply may be sent to the Collector. Draft memo. above is submitted for approval.

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From

E.C.Allardice, Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector, Bellary.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort.St.George, M a d r a s

Ref.C.No. 9004/49-S1 dated 16-7-49

Sir,

Sub:- States - Sandur Merger - Private properties of the Ruler - Schedules of - certain official documents included - report - submitted - instructions - requsted -

(2) Ref:- G.O.No. Ms. 1145 Public(Pol) dated 27-4-49

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I have written to day to the Huzur Secretary to the Ruler of Sandur to ascertain from the Ruler if these records can be spare for the Government as they are official documents. In case the Ruler wants these records, I request instructions whether I can refuse to hand them over, on the ground that they are official documents. I request very early orders in the matter.

I am instructing the Special Officer, Sandur to retain these records till Governments orders are received.

Sd.E.C.Allardice,
Collector.

For Collector.

To: The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States,
New Delhi (with encl)

Sir,

Sub: States - Sandur - Merger - Ruler's Private Properties - Handing over of records etc.,

While offering comments on the Schedules of Private properties of the Ruler of Sandur, this Govt. observed in their D.O. No. 5738/48-9 dt. Pol (Pol) d 13/2/49 that records relating to the family tree of the Ruling House might be returned to the Ruler but not the historical records and the originals of all executive orders and directives issued by the Rulers of Sand should be retained by the Government. According to the Schedule appended to Article 3 of the merger agreement communicated with the Government of India's letter no 9-35-88-P/49 d 20/4/1949, a historical records and other records relating to the Sandur Palace, including the personal correspondence of the Rulers of Sandur and members of the Royal family of Sandur and originals of all executive orders and directives issued by the Rulers of Sandur should be handed over to the Ruler.

The Collector of Bellary who was asked to hand over the Personal Properties of the Ruler, as per Schedule, has reported that important items like the Gram Register, 1906, the Gram Sanad Regulation 1937, Sealed Cover containing agreement between Rao Sahib P. I. Patel and the Government of Sandur etc, are official documents and they should not be handed over to the Ruler from the administrative point of view. A copy of his report is enclosed. In favour of personal this Government agree with

~~the views of~~ the Collector of Bellary that they (records in question) should not have been included in the Schedules of Private Property.

In the circumstances, I am to request that the question of handing over the records detailed above may be reconsidered by the Government of India and their decision communicated to this Government at an early date.

Cert
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Copy to the Collector of Bellary w.r.t his letter Rep. C. No. 9004/49-S.I.d 16/7/1949.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF STATES

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No. D.7753-P/49. Dated New Delhi the 9th September, 1949.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Madfas.

Sir,

Sub:- Merger of Sandur - Private properties of Ruler.

Ref:- Your letter No. 4358/49/2 dated the 9th August, 1949.

I am directed to state that although the Government of India agreed that historical records relating to the ruling family of Sandur should be treated as personal property of the Ruler, it was never the intention that official documents which are required by the administration should be handed over to the Ruler. In the circumstances, the Government of India agree that official documents like the Inam Register, 1905, the Inam Sanad Regulation 1937, sealed cover containing agreement between Rao Sahib P.I. Patel and the Government of Sandur etc. need not be handed over to the Ruler. The Raja of Sandur is also being informed of the decision.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Seen by C.S.

Issue.

27/9/49

Pub.(Poli.)Deptt.

G.O.Ms.No. 3314 dated 27-9-1949

Sub: Sandur - [State records] - Differentiation from Private properties of ~~the~~ Ruler ~~of Sandur~~ - ~~Handing over of the Records etc.~~ - Instructions issued.

(2)

Read: G.O.Ms.No.1145, Pub.(Poll.) d/27-4-49.
From the Collr.of Bellary, Ref.C.No.9004/49.S1. dated 16-7-1949.
From the Govt.of India,Ministry of States, No.D.7753-P/49 d/9-9-1949.

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ORDER.

The Govt. of India have stated that although they agreed that ~~the~~ historical records relating to the Ruling family of Sandur should be treated as the personal property of the Ruler, it was never their intention that official documents which are required by the [succeeding] administration should be handed over to the Ruler. In the circumstances, they ~~Govt.of India have direct~~ [consider agreed] that documents like the Inam Register,1905, the Inam Sanad Regulation,1937, sealed cover containing agreement between Rao Sahib P.I. Patel and the ~~Govt.of~~ [Sandur Durbar] etc. need not be handed over to the Ruler. The Raja of Sandur has been informed of the decision by the Govt. of India.

2. The Collr.of Bellary is requested to take necessary action in the matter.

To the Collr.of Bellary.
Copy to the Govt.of India, Ministry of States, New Delhi for information.

16/9/49

To the Board of Revenue

16.9.49

20/9/49

C no 4358/49.

Public (Political) dept.

EXTRACT of notes ~~from the main file (S.No.5738/48) relating to records, etc.~~ on p. 3 cf.

In the circumstances reported by the Collector, it does not seem desirable to hand over to the Ruler of Sandur the official documents, etc. as per schedule to Article 3 of the merger Agreement. The main file has been submitted to A.S. separately. On return of the file, the question will be examined further. In the meanwhile an interim reply may be sent to the Collector. Draft memo. above is submitted for approval.

Issue draft and put up quickly.
--- D.J.
21/7/49.

(Issued as Memo no 4358/49-I d 22/7/49).

EXTRACT from the note file (C no 5738/48) on the relating to records etc,

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9. RECORDS, Etc.: This Government recommended that records relating to the family tree of the Ruling House might be retained by the Ruler and the members of his family and that historical records and the originals of all executive orders and directions issued by the Rulers of Sandur should be retained by the Government. But in the schedule accepted by the Government of India and annexed to the merger agreement, it is stated that all these records should be handed over to the Raja. Perhaps the Government of India have done so with a view to show some concession to the Raja. The Government of India's decision has to be accepted. The transfer of the original records will cause much inconvenience e.g. item 4(2) on page 27 of 'R' relates to the sealed cover containing agreement between Sri P.I. Patil and the Government of Sandur. There is a file pending in this department about the investigation to be made in the affairs of the Sandur Tobacco Company in which Patil is ~~x~~ involved. The agreement may be useful in this connection. The only way to lessen the inconvenience that will be caused by the transfer of the records seems to be to ask the Special Officer to take copies of such of the records and documents, etc. as he considers necessary. For orders.

A.R.N.

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They may be in Vernaculars - Hindi or Marathi even.

Please see the extract of notes above. Before asking the Special Officer, Sandur to take ~~x~~ copies of such of the important documents as would be considered necessary, the Govt. of India may perhaps be addressed for its views as to whether the official documents should be handed over to the Ruler as per merger agreement.

Subject to orders, a draft letter to India is [illegible]

pr. approval.

4/8/49 Cue 2.8.49

5/8/49

C.S.

(Issued as letter no. 4358/49-2, d 9/8/49.) - - - / 7-8

(From the Govt.of India, Ministry of States,
No.D.7753-P/49 d/9-9-1949.)

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The Govt.of India agree with the views of this Govt. that official documents like the Inam Register,1905, the Inam Sanad Regulation 1937, sealed cover containing agreement between Rao Sahib P.I. Patel and the Govt.of Sandur etc., need not be handed over to the Ruler. The Collr.of Bellary may be informed accordingly. A draft order is submitted for approval. ~~For orders as to circulation.~~

19/9/49 Cue 16.9.49

20/9/49

C.S.

(Issued as G.O. Ms. No. 3314, d 27/9/1949) - - -